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SPEAKER: Go over Senator Barnett's bill. All right. We will take up LB 317.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 317 introduced by Senator Bereuter of the 24th District. Read title. Mr. President, there are Committee amendments by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee.

SPEAKER: Is Senator Rasmussen in the room? The Chair recognizes Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a very lengthy Committee statement but it is a far reaching bill and we explained it section by section and hopefully what each section does. The Committee amendments were more or less the changing of from municipality to city of first class and so forth and does not affect the intent of the bill but it does clean up some of the wordage or language in the bill that needed to be done. I ask you to accept the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Committee amendments be adopted? Excuse me, Senator Schmit, I didn't see your light.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I would like to ask a question of Senator Rasmussen, please.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Certainly.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think, Senator Rasmussen, that the Committee amendments are rather extensive and I would prefer if you would explain just how the office of planning and programming becomes involved with city government, if you could do that just briefly for us, please.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I will let the introducer of the bill do that, Senator Schmit, if that is OK with you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Fine.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion on the amendments? If not, the...do you want to discuss the amendments, Senator Bereuter?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, Senator Schmit has a question that I volunteered to try to answer for Senator Rasmussen.

SPEAKER: You may proceed. This is on the amendment, is it, not on the bill?

SENATOR BEREUTER: That's correct.

SPEAKER: Right. Proceed.

SENATOR BEREUTER: The amendments, Senator Schmit, are purely to correct errors except as they relate to Section 1 and Section 1 has reference...the changes in Section 1 have reference, in this case, to two cities, Douglas County... the city of Omaha and the city of Lincoln, and what it does is, exempt from any kind of review by the State Office of Planning and Programming. The zoning or land use regulatory programs of those two cities, whereas in other cases